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ENHRPQVCT326118 Z 262220Z VCA/R480-68 SPOT REPORT AVI/KUS/AVIA-A, OPER/I. SONG BIRD  
(CALL TIMES ZULU) U.S. RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN AND ONE CREWMAN  
CAPTURED ON 25 NOVEMBER 1968.

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ON 26 NOVEMBER NAVF AIRFIELD SUPPORT COMMUNICATIONS REVEALED THAT A U.S. MANNED RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT WAS SHOT DOWN ON 25 NOVEMBER AND ONE CREW MEMBER WAS CAPTURED DETAILS: THE TWO SPEAKERS, ONE LOCATED AT HA NOI BAC MAI AIRFIELD AND THE OTHER AT PHUC YEN AIRFIELD, APPARENTLY HAD DIFFICULTY IDENTIFYING THE TYPE AIRCRAFT SHOT DOWN AND STATED THAT THE AIRCRAFT WAS EITHER A RF4 OR A RA5C. IT WAS ALSO STATED THAT ONE CREW MEMBER HAD BEEN CAPTURED AND THERE WERE INDICATIONS FROM THE CONVERSATION THAT ONE CREW MEMBER WAS DEAD. ONE OF THE SPEAKERS ALSO YXATED THAT SOMEONE FROM THE VICH AREA WOULD CHECK INTO THE INCIDENT. COMMENTS: THE SPEAKERS DID NOT INDICATE WHETHER THE CAPTURED CREW MEMBER HAD BEEN INJURED. NO MENTION WAS MADE OF THE YPE OF WEAPONS SYSTEM USED IN THE SHOOTDOWN. COLLATERAL DATA HAS REVEALED THAT TWO U.S. RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT WERE SHOT DOW OVER NORTH VIETNAM ON 25 NOVEMBER: A RA5C AT 0339 IN THE VINH AREA AND A RF4D AT 0542 IN THE DONG HOI AREA. THE FACT THAT THE INCIDENT WAS TO BE INVESTIGATED BY SOMEONE FROM THE VINH AREA WOULD INDICATE THAT THE AIRCRAFT REFERRED TO WAS THE RA5C. THIS WILL BE A FOF L REPORT UNLESS FURTHER DATA BECOMES AVAILABLE. XXHH 0000 NNNN

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